

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0039], [0050] and [0055] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0039] Figure 4 is a side view of the U-shaped fastener 20 and shows the relationship of the abutting flanges 28 to the body portion 22. As can be seen, the top flanges 24 defines an upper keyhole slot ~~[[46]]~~ 49 which allow the movement of the abutting flanges 28 when they are compressed. Further depicted is the angular relationship of the side members 29 and 30 of the body portion with respect to the base 40 and the top flanges 24. It must be noted that while the finger member 26 are shown, any suitable fastener is usable. This includes but is not limited to a hole, threaded hole, slots or flanges.

[0050] Figure 15 is a side view of the U-shaped fastener 120 and shows the relationship of the abutting flanges 128 to the body portion 122. As can be seen, the top flanges 124 defines an upper keyhole slot ~~[[146]]~~ 149 which allow the movement of the abutting flanges 128 when they are compressed. Further depicted is the angular relationship of the side members 129 and 130 of the body portion with respect to the base 140 and the top flanges 124. It must be noted that while the finger members 126 and 127 are shown, any suitable fastener is usable. This includes but is not limited to a hole, threaded hole, slots or flanges.

[0055] As best seen in Figure [[20]] 20A, the U-shaped fastener 120 is inserted into the aperture 158 of the sheet metal structure 156. As the fastener 120 is depressed into the aperture 158, the abutting flanges 128 are compressed toward each other and the centerline of the U-shaped fastener 120. This compression of the abutting flanges 128 continues until the sheet metal 156 of the aperture 158 reaches the second portion 137 of the abutting flanges. At this point, a transition occurs and the sheet metal 156 is allowed to engage with the concave surface 156 of the first portion 136 of the abutting flanges 128.